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In each of claims 3 and 4, on line 1, please delete "claim 21" and insert therefor --claim 92--.

-\$\beta^92.(amended) An isolated protein which comprises an [which comprises an ino acid sequence [of] which

- (a) is included within the sequence shown in [Figure 1 (]SEQ ID NO:1[)];
- (b) has at its carboxy terminus a proline [corresponding to the proline] <u>as</u> shown at position number [564] <u>567</u> in SEQ ID NO: 1;
- (c) comprises continuous amino acids <u>as</u> [corresponding to the continuous amino acids] shown in SEQ ID NO:1 between the proline at position number 567 and the [asparagine] <u>serine</u> at position number [414] <u>385</u>; and
- (d) does not extend at its amino terminus beyond [an amino acid corresponding to] the serine shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 at position number 324;

or variants thereof wherein the variant consists of a substitution of one amino acid for another amino acid between the following pairs:

valine substituted for glycine or vice versa; glycine substituted for alanine or vice versa; valine substituted for isoleucine or vice versa;

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